

REMARKS

The foregoing election is made without traverse. The preliminary amendment removes the unelected claims from this application. In view of the preceding election and preliminary amendment, the applicant respectfully requests consideration of the elected claims, on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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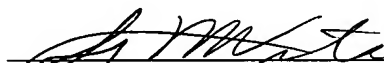
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